

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 320 without my signature.

While I am a strong proponent of health information technology and have proposed reforms to improve the quality, safety and efficiency of health care through the use of technology, I am unable to sign this bill. State agencies have already convened experts, developed a state policy agenda to implement and sustain the use of health information technology, and are engaged in a collaborative effort to target investments to increase provider capacity to use health information technology. My comprehensive health care reform proposal would expand this work by increasing the use of standardized personal health records and electronic health records, and ensuring California's health providers have the capacity to e-prescribe by the year 2010.

For these reasons, I am returning Senate Bill 320 without my signature.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger